

Dear USDA Approved Software Company:

The seventh release of the Child Nutrition Database (CN7) is currently available for computer software companies that have received approval from the Department of Agriculture for their nutrient analysis software. This release contains 14,063 food items, including over 2,000 new or revised processed foods. The seventh release can be downloaded from the Healthy School Meals Resource System website at <http://schoolmeals.nal.usda.gov> under the 'Industry Links' button. This web location also contains the *System Components and File Formats* document that defines the structural design of the CN7 Database. There have been no structural changes made on this version of the database.

The CN7 Database is an integral part of both the Nutrient Standard and Assisted Nutrient Standard Menu Planning Systems. The new data is vital to School Meals Program administrators, especially the updated and new nutrient values. We ask that your software be updated with the new CN7 Database within 90 days of receiving this letter. Once updated, please forward a copy of your software to Natalie Partridge, C/O National Agricultural Library, Food and Nutrition Information Center, Room 105, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland, 20705-2351. If you are unable to update your software users within 90 days or if you do not intend to inform your users of this update, please notify Mr. Bill Wagoner at (703) 305-2609 as soon as possible. He is also available to answer any questions you may have about the new CN7 Database.

Sincerely,

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